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SUBJECT: DEPARTURE EGYPTAIR BOEING

REF: STATE 199722, CAIRO 2994 (NOT SENT TRIPOLI)

1. BOEING REPRESENTATIVE SCHUETTKE AND HEAD OF BOEING TECHNICAL REPAIR TEAM WIENHOLZ HAVE BEEN TO SEE US. THEY STATE THAT EGYPTAIR BOEING WILL BE PHYSICALLY READY FOR DEPARTURE WITHIN FEW HOURS.

THIS AFTERNOON BOEING REPAIR TEAM REACHED JOINT CONCLUSION THAT, IN VIEW OF EGYPTAIR ASSURANCES THAT AIRCRAFT WOULD NOT FALL VICTIM TO ERROR OF EGYPTIAN AIR FORCE OR EGYPTIAN AIR DEFENSE, THEY WOULD GO WITH AIRCRAFT.

2. WE HAVE EMPHASIZED DEPARTMENT'S VIEW, SHARED BY US, THAT CONSIDERABLE RISK EXISTS FOR CIVILIAN

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AIRCRAFT IN EGYPTIAN AIR SPACE AS RESULT OF CONTINUED

HOSTILITIES. WE HAVE REITERATED THAT TOO MANY THINGS
CAN GO WRONG.

3. WIENHOLZ SAID THAT HE WOULD DISCUSS MATTER AGAIN
WITH HIS TEAM. HE ADDED THAT EGYPTAIR'S FIRM DECISION
WAS TO GET AIRCRAFT OUT OF EGYPT ASAP, AND THAT THIS
APPEARED TO BE LAST FLIGHT OUT OF EGYPT. EGYPTAIR'S
INTENTION IS TO SEND AIRCRAFT TO TRIPOLI OR LONDON (NOT ROME,
AS PREVIOUSLY INDICATED). WIENHOLZ APPEARED ENCOURAGED BY
FACT THAT BULGARIAN PLANE HAD MADE IT INTO CAIRO AIRPORT TODAY
AND DEPARTED SAFELY, AND THAT EGYPTAIR WAS TRYING TO
SCHEDULE COMET IN TOMORROW.

4. BOTH SCHUETTKE AND WIENHOLZ SAID THAT THEY WOULD
ABIDE BY DECISION OF BOEING COMPANY IN MATTER,
HOWEVER. THEY REQUESTED THAT FOLLOWING MESSAGE BE TRANS-
MITTED TO BARRY HOLT, BOEING COMPANY, RENDON, AT TELE-
PHONE NUMBER 206-237-4234: "ONLY MEANS OF LEAVING CAIRO
IS FLIGHT OF SU-APE TO TRIPOLI AND/OR LONDON WHERE
FINAL REPAIR MUST BE ACCOMPLISHED DUE TO LACK OF
SEALING MATERIAL HERE. HOWEVER THE AMERICAN INTERESTS
SECTION BASED ON STATE DEPT. INFO HIGHLY RECOMMENDS TO
REMAIN IN CAIRO UNTIL SAFE PASSAGE CAN BE GUARANTEED.
PLEASE ADVISE OF YOUR RECOMMENDATION."

5. COMMENT: WIENHOLZ CLEARLY WANTS TO BE
TOLD WHAT TO DO. WE BELIEVE HE WILL ABIDE BY BOEING
COMPANY DECISION.

6. PLEASE ANSWER BY NIACT IMMEDIATE.
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